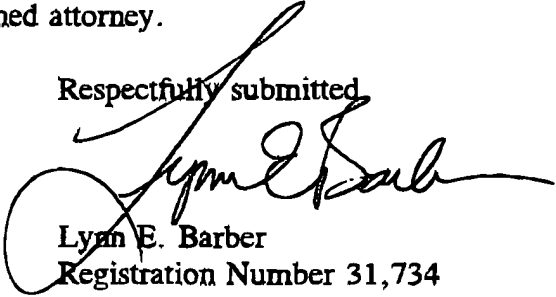


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said method reducing the number of bacteria more than does treatment with 250 mM glycerol or glyceraldehyde.

Support for this terminology is found at page 17 and page 20 of the specification.

Any charge which there may be for the addition of this claim should be billed to Deposit Account No. 02-0825 of the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted


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